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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph.

[0005] --Hence, a need still exists for an energy absorption system that is compact,
lightweight, inexpensive to manufacture, has predictable energy absorption characteristics, and
incorporates a relatively simple design that can be readily adapted for a wide variety of
different bumper applications.--

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph.

[0013] --Fig. 4 is a rear elevationalal view of a mounting plate portion of the crush box
assembly.--

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph.

[0029] --The reference numeral 1 (Fig. 1) generally designates an energy absorption impact
system or apparatus embodying the present invention, which is particularly adapted for use in
conjunction with the illustrated vehicle bumper assembly 2 of the type having a fascia member
3 supported by a rigid impact or reinforcing beam 4. A pair of crush box assemblies 5 are
positioned between and attach beam 4 to an associated pair of ~~associated~~ vehicle frame rails
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Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph.

[0036] --Crush member 12 may be constructed from a high boron, low to medium carbon steel of the type disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,972,134. One suitable steel by ~~Applicant's~~ Applicants' Assignee, Benteler Corporation, is known in the trade as "DB90", and preferably does not require hardening. Steels known as "HSLA" are also suitable. Due to different application requirements, it can be assumed that the above materials could be coated or plated, (i.e., E-coat galvaneal, galvanize, or a combination of).--